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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Bates et al.  
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Title: Method and Apparatus for  
Associating the Color of an Object  
with an Event  
Group Art Unit: 2676  
Examiner: Blackman, Anthony J.

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**Office Action Response**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on November 8, 2002, please enter the  
following amendment.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 31 and 32.

31. (Twice Amended) A method for automatically identifying an object in a  
plurality of video frames and associating the object with an event comprising:

determining a location on one of said video frames where an action by a pointing device  
has occurred defining a selected location;

determining a color value for said selected location; and

automatically associating an event with said color value in said one video frame and  
succeeding frames associated with the color value.